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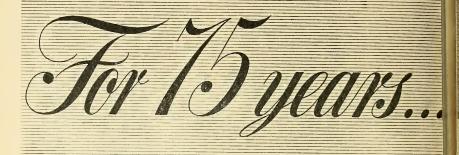
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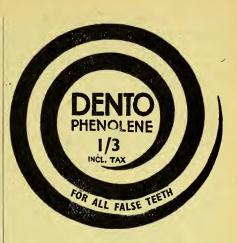
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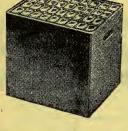
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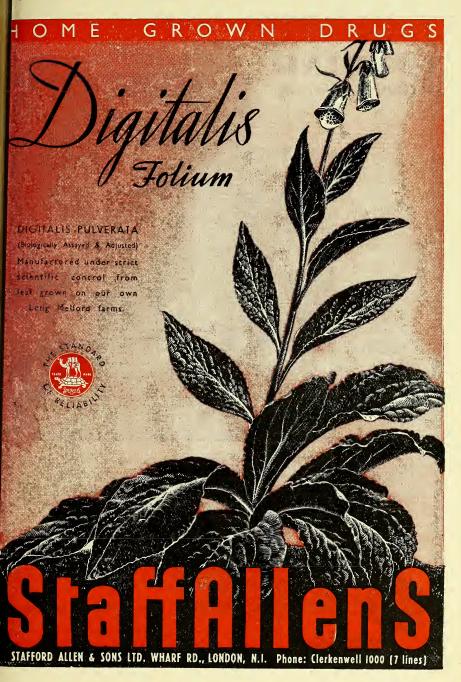
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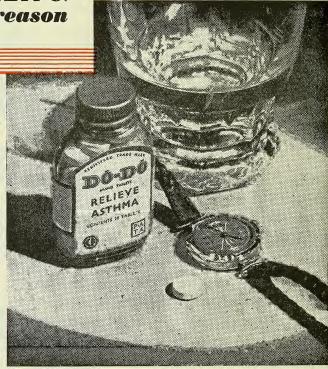
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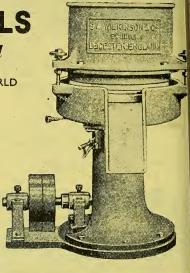
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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Dublin Fire.—On March 25 an outbreak of fire occurred at the premises of C. W. Field, Ltd., manufacturing chemists, Crow Street, Dublin.

White Paper on Water Supplies.—The Minister of Health (Mr. H. U. Willink) informed Mrs. Wright on April 6 that it was intended that the White Paper on water (see C. & D., April 8, p. 394) should be available at the first sitting day.

Summer-time Heating Restrictions.—Subscribers are reminded that between April 17 and October 31 in England and Wales and between May 8 and October 31 in Scotland it is prohibited to use fuel for heating shops, offices, places of entertainment and non-industrial establishments of all kinds, except under written permit. "Fuel" includes electricity.

Penicillin Manufacture.—The Minister of, Supply (Sir Andrew Duncan) informed Major Lyons on April 6 that no licence was necessary for the manufacture of penicillin. He was in communication with the Member on the subject of the number of firms now engaged in penicillin manufacture.

Twenty-one Years President.—Mr. Victor Blagden this year completes twenty-one years as president of The British Chemical and Dyestuffs Traders' Association, Ltd., and to mark the occasion the members of the Association are presenting him with his portrait in oils. The presentation will take place at the annual luncheon to be held in London on Tuesday, May 16.

Causes of Absenteeism.—The Industrial Health Research Board has drawn up a list of causes of absence from work and of excessive fatigue. Among the causes cited are increased hours of work, employment of women with home responsibilities, and black-out travel difficulties. Two conditions that need special attention are stated to be boredom and lack of a sense of urgency about the war. The report insists on the importance of suitable rest pauses.

Register of Orthoptists.—The fifth edition (1944) of the Orthoptists' Section of the National Register of Medical Auxiliary

Services has now been issued by the Board of Registration of Medical Auxiliaries, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.I. Orthoptists whose names are included in the Register have qualified according to a standard approved by the Board.

Shop Assistants' Union.—The general secretary of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks stated, at a conference held in London recently, that the post-war policy of the Union included equal pay for men and women shop assistants, the top rate to be reached at twenty-one years of age; a forty-hour week; and a minimum of two weeks' annual holiday with pay.

Enemy Traders' List Consolidated.—For the convenience of traders and others, the Board of Trade has published a new consolidating Order incorporating in one list the names of specified persons previously listed in five separate Orders. The title of the consolidating Order is the Trading with the Enemy (Specified Persons) (Amendment) (No. 4) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O., 1944, No. 399). Copies (price 4s. net) are available through booksellers or direct from H.M. Stationery Office.

Chemists' Payments under N.H.S.—The secretary of the East Cumberland Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society asks us to point out that the "average of about £425 per annum per pharmacist" mentioned in his report of a meeting of the East Cumberland Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society (see C. & D., April 8, p. 391) as being the calculated dispensing fees payable to chemists under the basis foreshadowed in the White Paper, was intended to include drug costs also, and should therefore be taken to read "total payments."

Aberdeen Refresher Course.—A refresher course for pharmacists will commence in Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, on May 2, with an introductory lecture to all intending students. The course will probably be taken in two groups, meeting on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, but final arrangements will be made and a syllabus issued at the first meeting. The syllabus will include sterilisation; bacteriology; emulsifying agents; organic chemicals, including the sulphonamide group; vitamins, etc., and will include about 75 per cent. of practical work.

Censorship-permits Change.—The Post-master-General announces additional restrictions on postings for overseas. A

censorship permit is now required for the dispatch by post from Great Britain and the Isle of Man to members of H.M. Forces (whether addressed to a Unit or to a private address), as well as to civilians in Northern Ireland and Gibraltar, of photographs, stamps, most kinds of printed matter, and all goods and commodities. No permit is required for trade circulars, catalogues, bills of account or lading, receipts, invoices and similar trade documents, provided they are not sent by parcel post.

Brighton Lecture on Night Vision.—A joint meeting of the Brighton and Hove Association of Pharmacy and the local branch of the Pharmacy and the local branch of the Pharmaceutical Society was held in Brighton on March 28, when an instructive address on "Night Vision" was given by Mr. E. W. Godding (research department, The Crookes Laboratories). Mr. Donald W. Hudson (president of the Association) introduced the speaker, who dealt with the mechanism and range of adaptation, special considerations affecting the phenomenon, basic requirements for testing adaptations, and causes of abnormality. Mr. Edgar Jones expressed the thanks of the members.

Dried Bananas for Coeliac Patients.-An announcement from the Ministry of Food states that distribution of a small quantity of dried bananas to sufferers from coeliac disease (see C. & D., March 25, p. 329) is being made under the auspices of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation. The Organisation has undertaken to send supplies, free of charge, to (a) any patient who produces or has produced to his local food office satisfactory evidence that he is suffering from this complaint, or (b) hospitals at which such patients are being treated. Supplies are at the rate of 14 lb. per patient per month for three months for proved cases. Applications must be sent to the local food office and not to the distributing body.

White Paper on Research.—H.M. Stationery Office has recently published a White Paper (pp. 12, price 2d.) on "Scientific Research and Development," which was presented to Parliament by the Lord President of the Council. The paper deals with existing Government machinery for research; but, on security grounds, and because it is designed to provide a background for discussing post-war plans, does not cover research and development directed to war requirements. It describes the constitution and function of the Development Commission in aiding agriculture and

ural industries, and in the development and improvement of fisheries. The three committees of the Privy Council (for cientific and industrial research, medical esearch, and agricultural research) and the reganisations working under them are reviewed, and the paper describes how some Sovernment departments, faced with special problems, have their own research and levelopment organisations or scientific advisers, and how grants are made for "fundamental" or "pure" research largely carried out at the universities.

Threatened Cocoa Shortage.—Mr. G. J. Harris (chairman of Rowntree & Co., Ltd.) stated recently that there was likely to be a world shortage of cocoa in the post-war period. The two causes were: (a) prevalence of the cocoa-tree diseases, swollen root and sahlbergella, and (b) apathy on the part of the African farmers brought about by unremunerative prices. Vigorous steps to deal with the situation were being taken by the Colonial Office, the British cocoa industry, and other interests affected by the shortage.

Container Control Revised.—The Minister of Supply has made a Control of Containers and Packaging (No. 1) (General) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O., 1944, No. 404), price 2d., which is in force from April 18, revoking and remaking existing orders in consoli-dated and re-arranged form, with amendments. The principal changes in the new Order and the Schedules are that the range of commodities of which the packaging is regulated has been extended: the re-use of used containers and holders is more strictly regulated; the use of certain container-sealers, such as rubber packagingrings, stoppers and bungs, foil-faced wads, etc., is controlled; and detailed modifications have been made to certain sections in the revised British Standard Schedules. A provision in one of the revoked Orders prohibiting the use of black plate, tinplate, etc., in the manufacture of certain nonessential articles (e.g. advertising ash-trays and novelties) has been made the subject of a separate Order—the Control of Iron and Steel (No. 33) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O., 1944, No. 405), price one penny.

North Down Chemists' Dinner.—Fortyone members and guests of the North Down Chemists' Association attended a dinner and musical evening held in Bangor, co. Down, on March 29, Mr. S. H. Forrest presiding. The guests included Messrs. A. Malcolmson (president, Newtownards Chamber of Trade); H. P. Crossin (president,

Ulster Chemists' Association); James Mc-Clenahan (secretary, U.C.A.); J. W. Sand-ford, Larne; John Hall (immediate past-president, East Antrim Pharmacists' Association); and E. A. Poots (secretary, E.A.P.A.). Mr. H. P. Crossin, responding to the toast of the Ulster Chemists' Association, expressed appreciation of the cooperation which existed between the North Down Association and the Ulster Chemists' Association. Mr. Sandford replied to the toast "The East Antrim Pharmacists' Association," and Mr. Malcolmson to the toast "Our Guests." A musical programme was contributed by the Misses Betty and Peggy McClelland (songs and duets), accompanied by Mrs. W. J. C. McQuitty, Miss Aline Moore (humorous recitations) and Mr. Iames McClenahan (songs). The new James McClenahan (songs). The new President (Mr. S. H. Forrest) was elected at the annual meeting held recently. Mr. A. S. Fyffe was elected Vice-president. The Secretary (Mr. R. Hall) and Treasurer (Mr. R. McCutcheon) were re-elected.

Tar Distillers' Association.—At the annual meeting of the Association of Tar Distillers recently, the following officers and committee were elected:-President, Mr. C. E. Carey (South Metropolitan Gas Co.); Vicepresident, Mr. S. Billbrough (Yorkshire Tar Distillers, Ltd.); Treasurer, Captain C. W. Harriss (Burt, Boulton & Hayward, Ltd.); Auditor, Mr. E. Hardman (E. Hardman, Son & Co., Ltd.); Executive Committee, Messrs. S. Hilton, J. Simpson, J. Colligon, W. A. Walmsley, C. Lord, C. A. Murray, S. Billbrough, A. Bradbury, R. B. Robinson, M. H. Brillian, H. H. Oliva, Maira, G. son, W. H. Phillips, J. H. Oliver, Major A. G. Saunders, H. H. Bates, T. H. Butler, Charles H. Bird, C. F. Dutton, and E. Hardman, with the president, vice-president and past-presidents. The annual report stated that during 1943 policy and organisation of research subcommittees, and a Joint Committee with the Ministry of Fuel and Power had been formed. The national transport committee had had under investigation the problems of transport under war conditions, with particular reference to efficient working of rail tank wagons. The tar fuels technical subcommittee had approved the text of a book on "Coal-tar Fuels," which would be published in the course of two or three months. The extraction of tar acids and production of phenol had been developed through the co-operation of the industry with the Controller, to such an extent that at the conclusion of the period under review production was at least temporarily in excess of essential plus permitted usage.

APPROVED NAMES FOR DRUGS

The General Medical Council has accepted for addition to the list of approved names, on the recommendation of the British Pharmacopæia Commission, the following names for substances produced by British manufacturers, in some instances under licence granted by the Comptroller-General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks. The question of including these substances in the British Pharmacopæia is under consideration. If any of them is included, the intention is that the approved name shall become its official title, but recognition of an approved name does not imply that the substance will necessarily be admitted to the Pharmacopæia. The substances have hitherto been known under other names, which are also given below.

General Adoption Desired

Since the intention is to give recognition to non-proprietary names, which may be used freely by manufacturers, and thus to avoid the difficulties which arise from the multiplication of names for the same substance, it is hoped that the approved names will be generally adopted. The introduction of new names for substances for which pharmacopæial names or approved names are available is especially deprecated, and if a manufacturer desires to issue under a proprietary name a drug for which an approved name has been provided, it is strongly urged that a label should bear the approved name of the substance in letters no less conspicuous than those in which the proprietary name is printed or written.

APPROVED NAME tate

Dicoumarol Dimethylstilbami-

dine Pentamidine

Propamidine

Stilbamidine Sulphadimethylpyrimidine

Thiomersalate

OTHER NAMES

Desoxycortone ace- \(\triangle^4\)-pregnene-21-ol-3:20dione acetate. Desoxycorticosterone

acetate.

3: 3'-methylene-bis-(4hydroxycoumarin)

4: 4'-diamidino-α: β-dimethylstilbene. Diamidinodiphenoxy-

pentane. Diamidinophenoxypropane.

Diaminostilbene.

2-(4-aminobenzenesulphonylamino)-4:6-dimethylpyrimidine. Sulphamezathine.

Sodium ethylmercurithiosalicylate. Merthiolate.

Names Now Made Official

The following names, originally published as approved names, have now been made official by inclusion of monographs in the Sixth Addendum to the British Pharm copœia, 1932.

OFFICIAL NAME Dithranol

Menaphthone

OTHER NAMES

1:8-dihydroxyanthrane Cignolin. 2-methyl - 1:4 - naphth

quinone. Menadione U.S.P. XII.

AMENDMENTS TO B.P.C.

A RECOMMENDATION by the Codex Revision Committee of the Pharmaceutical Societ that certain requirements of the Supplement to the British Pharmaceutical Codex, 193. should be amended, was approved at the Council meeting held on April 5 (the info mation was not received in time for inclu sion in last week's issue, p. 413). amendments relate to the glycerin conter of several preparations in which glyceri was originally included on account of it therapeutic value or for its action as a pre servative or stabilising agent :-

ELIXIR ÆTHYLMORPHINÆ ET TERPIN (see Supplement 2, p. 2).—Delete the in struction to replace the glycerin by dis tilled water, and insert "in making thi preparation the glycerin may be replaced by distilled water."

ELIXIR DIAMORPHINÆ ET PINI COMPOSI TUM (see Supplement 2, p. 2).—Delete the instruction to omit the glycerin, and inser "in making this preparation the glyceria may be omitted.'

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ELIXIR DIAMORPHINÆ ET TERPINI CUM APOMORPHINA (see Supplement 2, p. 2) .-Delete the instruction to replace the glycerin by distilled water, and insert "in making this preparation the glycerin may be replaced by distilled water."

GLYCERINUM THYMOLIS COMPOSITUM (see Supplement 2, p. 8).—Delete the instruction to reduce the glycerin, and insert "in making this preparation the gylcerin may be reduced to 20 millilitres or 192 minims.

SYRUPUS GLYCEROPHOSPHATIBUS POSITUM (see Supplement 2, p. 27).—Delete the instruction to omit the glycerin, and insert "in making this preparation the glycerin may be omitted."

TOPICAL REFLECTIONS

letric Weights and Measures

Strong pressure by instructed public pinion will be required before the metric stem can become the primary instead of ne secondary standard for weights and neasures in the United Kingdom (p. 419). his aspect of an important subject may be aid to date from 1790, in which year the British Government declined a request that he Royal Society should co-operate with he French Académie des Sciences in deising a system based on a natural constant. The new system was legalised in France in 799; the question of introducing it into his country was first raised in the House of commons in 1816, when a motion for comaring the standard yard with the standard netre was carried. In 1844 Professor W. M. Miller visited Paris at the request of the tandards Commission, and after many alculations decided that the kilogram was equal to 15,432.34874 grains and the pound to 453 5926525 grams. In 1898 the Schedule to an Order in Council slightly varied his igures after fresh determinations. These and similar activities involved an enormous amount of careful comparison of trial standards. For example, the work of the French scientists who measured an arc of the meridian, beginning at Dunkirk and ending at Barcelona, occupied seven years; four potential metres of brass were then constructed, and on the one selected two metres of platinum and twelve of iron were based. Comparisons and corrections were continued until differences of less than o.oor millimetre at the temperature of melting ice were obtained.

Slow Motion

The French Government enforced the system more stringently in 1837; thirtyfive years later, fifty delegates from twentynine countries, including Great Britain, attended the first meeting in Paris of the International Metric Commission. Meanwhile, in 1864, the British Government had gone so far as to pass a Metric Weights and Measures Act: this, however, was repealed by the Weights and Measures Act of 1878, although a table of metric equivalents of imperial weights and measures formed the Third Schedule to that Act. In 1894 a Select Committee of the House of Commons recommended that the use of the metric system be made compulsory in the United Kingdom after two years. The British Government had joined the Metric Convention in 1884: as a result, the Board of

Trade received a new standard kilogram and a new standard metre. In the construction and testing of these standards, sixteen men of science took part. A cental "or new hundredweight" was legalised by Order in Council in 1879, and a half-cental by the same means in 1903. The practical point that emerges from this very brief summary of events is that the British Government, like the British public, seems hardly to know its own mind. Those of your readers who are anxious to see the use of the metric system extended to commerce can do something to promote the change by using the system more consistently in their own spheres. The thermometric scale of Fahrenheit, for instance, could be abolished in shops, offices and houses in favour of the simpler centigrade

Another N.H.S. Plan

The interesting article entitled "My Scheme for a Pharmaceutical Service" (p. 424) serves a useful purpose by broadening the basis of discussion of National Health Service schemes. When the author tells us that he (or she) visualises "something completely different" from "a pharmacy as part of a national medical scheme, we wish to ascertain in what the difference consists. Like the promoters of the "Cambridge" plan, your contributor envisages a central depôt for each district of a stated size, estimated in the article as "every 250,000 population." Certain differences between the two plans are evident. (The term "Central Medical Hall," by the way, is not likely to obtain general acceptance in this country.) The pharmacy in the "Med-ical Hall" will, we read, "be self-contained, and under the complete control of a pharmacist (not a doctor)." So far, good; but the internal arrangements of the establishments include some that are debatable. One is the provision of unqualified dispensers in the proportion of two for every qualified one: another is the introduction of "a proportionate number" of apprentices. The proposed "Hall" being a professional institution for a specific purpose, it seems incongruous to dilute the professional staff in either of these ways. If, at the inception of a National Health Service scheme, the number of qualified persons available is found to be insufficient for the work, a few unqualified assistants to them might be permitted as an expedient, but, I suggest, with a time limit.

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LEGAL REPORTS

Summons Restored to List.—A summons against Leslie Martyn, Ltd., 34 Dalston Lane, Hackney, London, E.8, which was adjourned sine die on November 11, 1943 (see C. & D., 1943. II. 574), was resumed on April 14. The charge was one of unlawfully taking part in the publication of an advertisement relating to Blanchard's female pills in terms alleged to be calculated to lead to the use of the pills for procuring the miscarriage of women. For the defence it had been stated that the wording of the advertisement was adopted on the advice of eminent counsel, now a King's Bench Judge. The defendants were prepared to eliminate the words complained of and to submit a copy of the pamphlet to the Pharmaceutical Society for its further comments, and it was on this understanding that the summons had been adjourned sine die. It was now stated on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Society that the Society did not feel it could be a party to approving a form of trade advertisement in the manner described, and for this reason the summons had been restored to the list for the Court to make a decision. The prosecution said they would be satisfied if the summons were dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Defending counsel stated that the defendants were agreed that the form of the advertisement should be altered. He did not propose to call evidence. In fact, the managing director of the company, who would have been a material witness, had died suddenly within a few weeks of the previous hearing. Agreement had been reached with the prosecution on costs. The magistrate dismissed the summons under the Probation of Offenders' Act.

Objection to Company Title.-In the Chancery Division, London, on April 18, Howard & Sons, Ltd., Ilford, applied for an injunction to restrain Howards Malted Milk, Ltd., Regent Street, London, from carrying on business under that title, or any other name colourably resembling that of the plaintiffs, or from otherwise carrying on business under any name calculated to produce the belief that their business was associated with the plaintiffs. They also sought to restrain defendants from infringing their registered trade marks. For the plaintiffs it was argued that they were manufacturing chemists who had acquired a business of the same name founded in 1797. The defendant company was formed in April 1943, with a capital of £100; of all the names to choose from they selected

Howards Malted Milk, Ltd. Malted milk was not made by the plaintiffs, but was sold by people who also sold plaintiffs' products, and confusion would be inevitable. Plaintiffs also owned trade marks containing the name Howard or Howards. Defendants were threatening to carry on business under the name Howards Malted Milk, Ltd., although, so far as plaintiffs knew, they had not yet sold any goods. Mr. Justice Morton, who gave judgment, said plaintiffs had not pleaded sufficient facts to justify an injunction to restrain infringement of trade marks, but he would grant an injunction restraining defendants from carrying on business under the name complained of.

COMPANY NEWS

Youngs' of Nantwich, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £3,500. Chemists, opticians, etc. Harold S. Young, M.P.S., Mrs. Dora M. Young, and Robert Young, M.P.S., directors. R.O.: 52 High Street, Nantwich.

A. W. Brook, Ltd. (P.C.).—Capital £12,000. To acquire the business of chemical and drysaltery manufacturers carried on at Leicester as A. W. Brook by Charles L. and Harry R. Brook. C. L. and H. R. Brook, directors.

Nutfield Manufacturing Co. (P.C.).—Capital £10,000. To acquire the business of a chemical and sulphuric acid manufacturer carried on by Frank Stubbs, Kingsmill Works, S. Nutfield, Surrey. Frank Stubbs, Mrs. Lily Eccles, Tom A. Eccles, and Alfred G. Mayhew, directors.

IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.—Directors recommend a final dividend on ordinary stock of 7 per cent. actual. With the interim dividend of 3 per cent., this makes 8 per cent. for the year 1943 (same as in 1942), less tax. The net income for 1943, after providing for taxation and £2,500,000 (same as in 1942) for the central obsolescence and depreciation fund, amounts to £6,685,345, against £6,499,859 in 1942.

Savory & Moore, Ltd.—Directors propose to redeem £261,964, the outstanding amount of 5 per cent. first mortgage debenture stock, and to arrange for redemption of 6½ per cent. redeemable preference shares of Pharmaceutical Products, Ltd., which are guaranteed by Savory & Moore, Ltd. It is also planned to increase the authorised share capital to £900,000 by the creation of 440,000 5½ per cent. first redeemable cumulative £1 preference shares. The proposals will come before shareholders at meetings to be held on April 24.

TRADE NOTES

Concentrated Insecticide.—Flyol conentrated insecticide is stated by the lakers, Fubex, Ltd., Kingston-on-Thames, be selling faster than they can supply it.

Price List.—Wright, Layman & Umney, td., London, S.E.I, have issued a new rug list. Copies may be obtained on appliation, accompanied by a penny stamp.

Insect Powder.—Rodmill Chemical Co., td., Liverpool, 7, direct attention in this sue to their product Tick insect powder for estroying beetles, cockroaches, ants, etc. erms are given.

Chemi-Synthetics, Ltd., London, E. 14, re manufacturers of bromisovalerianylurea, ovaleric acid derivatives, succinic anydride, synthetic organic products, pharaceutical chemicals, and intermediates. In announcement appears in this issue.

New Price List.—Evans Sons Lescher Webb, Ltd., Liverpool, have issued a new lition of their wholesale price list (A). n addition to the usual drug and chemical rices, the list includes comprehensive formation on biological, veterinary and ledical products. Under the paper control estrictions one penny must be sent by each erson writing-in for a copy of the list.

War-time Tonic Tablets.—Under war onditions, there has been a noteworthy emand for a tonic preparation useful in vercoming depression, listlessness and nervusness. To meet this demand, Thompson Capper, Wholesale, Ltd., Liverpool, 9, have introduced Quinphos brand warime tonic tablets. The new speciality is sued in two sizes. Full particulars will be given by the makers on request.

Proteolysed Liver.—Allen & Hanburys, t.td., London, E.2, announce that supplies of proteolysed liver, A. & H., are now available for the oral treatment of patients suffering from pernicious or other megalocytic anæmias. The preparation has a bleasant flavour and may be administered by dissolving in soup or warm water, I oz. of proteolysed liver, A. & H., being equivalent to 8 oz. fresh liver. The product is available in 4-oz. and 8-oz. containers, and s not subject to purchase tax.

Stable Biological Materials.—Sharp & Dohme, Ltd., Hoddesdon, Herts, announce that several normally-perishable biological naterials are now available as stable, cortable preparations in the Lyovac series of the company's preparations. They are prepared by the "lyophile" technique:

quick freezing, followed by vacuum dehydration and storage under vacuum in rubber-stoppered, flame-sealed glass vials. The stable, dried material is rapidly made ready for instant use by the addition of sterile, pyrogen-free distilled water which is provided with each Lyovac product.

Business Changes

BODY'S PHARMACIES, LTD., have reopened their branch at 174 Leigh Road, Leigh-on-Sea.

Mr. W. A. Palmer, M.P.S., has taken over the business of the late Mr. E. Withers, M.P.S., 9 Market Street, Faversham, Kent.

GALE & MOUNT, LTD. (chemicals and essential oils), have removed to 28 Pont Street, London, S.W.I. Telephones: Kensington 4477-79.

COMING EVENTS

, Sunday, April 23

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association. Ramble round Hayfield. Meet London Road Station, 9.30 a.m. Book Hayfield return.

Monday, April 24

FOOD EDUCATION SOCIETY, Conference Hall, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, London, W.C.I, at 3 p.m. Sir Norman Bennett on "Food and the Teeth."

Tuesday, April 25

WEST HAM AND EASTERN DISTRICT ASSOCIA-TION OF PHARMACISTS, Church Institute, 27 Romford Road, London, E.15, at 7.45 p.m. Annual meeting.

YORK SECTION, BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTS, St. William's College, York, at 6.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

Manchester Pharmaceutical Association Branch, Onward Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, at 7.45 p.m. Annual meeting. Discussion on "The White Paper," introduced by Mr. W. E. Phillipson.

Thursday, April 27

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN PHARMACISTS, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1, at 6.30 p.m. Annual meeting.

NORTH-EAST SECTION, BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF CHEMISTS, County Hotel, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at 7 p.m. Annual meeting.

Saturday, April 29

Notes and Derby Section, British Association of Chemists, Midland Hotel, Derby, at 7.15 p.m. Annual meeting.

DEATHS

Hampton.—On April 7, the wife of Mr. G. Hampton, M.P.S., 66 Elmtree Avenue, Lime Tree Park, Coventry, aged seventyfive.

Horsley.—On April 9, Mr. Edward Smallbrook Horsley, M.P.S., 45 Station Road, West Drayton, Middlesex, aged seventy-eight.

Jones.—On April 4, Mr. David Jones, M.P.S., 9 College Green, Towyn, Merioneth, aged seventy-six. Mr. Jones was a former member and past-chairman of the Towyn urban district council, and was prominently associated with many local activities. He had been in business in Towyn for fifty years.

LEECH.—On March 31, Mr. Charles Richard Leech, M.P.S., 118 Barton Street, Gloucester, aged seventy-six.

Morris.—On April 6, after a short illness, Mr. J. T. Morris, M.P.S., manager for Boots, Ltd., 29 Borough Road, Burton-on-Trent, aged fifty-eight. Mr. Morris joined the company in July 1904, and was appointed manager of the Burton branch in March 1914. He leaves a widow and four daughters.

James H. Pearson.—Recently, Mr. Pearson, Leamington Road, Blackburn, a founder and former director of W. Meadowcroft & Son, Ltd., essence manufacturers and aerated water engineers, Regent Street, Blackburn.

Pennington.—On March 26, Mr. John Richard Pennington, M.P.S., Rotherham Road, Thurcroft, Yorks, aged seventy-nine.

PHILLIPS.—In the London Hospital, on April 8, Mr. Percy Bernard Phillips, Ph.C., a director of P. B. Phillips (Chemists), Ltd., 608 Bank Chambers, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, aged fifty-five.

SLOPER.—On active service during April, Flight-Lieutenant John L. Sloper, D.F.C., R.A.F.V.R., only son of Mr. L. Sloper, M.P.S., 401 Wimborne Road, Bourne-mouth, Hants.

Winfrey.—On April 18, Sir Richard Winfrey, J.P., Castor House, nr. Peter-borough, aged eighty-six. Sir Richard Winfrey, who was a Member of Parliament from 1906 to 1924, qualified as a chemist and druggist in 1879 and as a pharmaceutical chemist in 1880. In 1925 he contributed a series of articles to the C. & D. in which he described his early experiences in pharmacy. He served a four years' apprenticeship to Mr. Rees, Red Lion Square, Stamford, Lincs,

and from 1877 to 1879 was an assistant to Mr. John Newcome, Grantham. In 1879 he joined Dr. Muter's South London College of Pharmacy. He entered John Bell & Co.'s establishment in London in April 1881, remaining there for four-and-a-half years. In 1897 he married the widow of his old friend the late Mr. H. H. Millhouse, a partner in the old-established chemist's business of Kingsford & Co., Piccadilly, London.

P. of W. DISCUSSION GROUP

FIVE British and three Canadian pharmacists in captivity together at prisoners-ofwar camp Oflag VIIB have united to form a pharmaceutical discussion group (see C. & D., April 15, p. 414). The following letter, sent by the secretary (Captain E. B. McCorkell) to the secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, describes the scope of the venture.

The below-mentioned chemists and druggists of the British Empire have come together at Oflag VIIB to carry on a pharmaceutical discussion group first started at Oflag VIB. Our object is to bring ourselves back into contact with the spirit of pharmacy and broaden our outlook by a co-operative discussion and a

pooling of knowledge.

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The group has elected an executive of two (chairman, Captain J. T. Young, England; secretary, Captain E. B. McCorkell, Canada). We plan to work on a monthly agenda, with three nights of lectures and talks, and one night of revision and discussion. Our first month's programme is entitled "The Status of Pharmacy," and will be dealt with under three headings, Past, Present and Future from the British and Canadian viewpoints.

Paper-based Plastics.-Waste paper is used in large quantities in the production of paper-based plastics for electrical equipment for aircraft, and for thousands of other war materials. It is saving the use of wood and steel required for other purposes.

MY POST-WAR DISPENSARY

by Spencer Wells

THE discussion there has been of late on dispensary equipment set me thinking of the kind of dispensary I would have, assuming I had adequate finance. I have put the results of my pipe-dream on paper, and they may help to stimulate urther discussion on a very interesting and lecidedly important topic.

Set Apart and Simply Arranged

First, the dispensary would be away from the shop. Customers who poke their heads over the dispensing screen, or round the corner, are a distraction and a potential menace to accuracy. In the pharmacy proper there is a reception counter at which the prescriptions are handed in; the dispensary is set back from the counter. It is sufficiently detached from the shop to ensure privacy, but the whole front wall, above a level of 6 ft., consists of a plateglass panel carrying the word "Prescriptions," and a motif such as a mortar and pestle. As can be seen from the drawings, the dispensary is a room intended for the dispensing of medicines and for medical contacts only. The main room for storage of drugs and for manufacturing is immediately adjacent to the dispensary, but, separate from it. The dispensary of the plan is designed for two dispensers only; each has a counter, and complete equipment of his own. The two dispensing counters face the shop, which is reached through a space between them.

Simplicity, efficiency and cleanliness are the keynotes. The place is of simple design—it looks efficient, it looks clean, and it should be easy to keep clean. There are no shelves more than 6 ft. 6 in. high, so there is no need to have steps cluttering up the place. Items on the top shelves can easily be reached by a person of average height. Everything is easily accessible. The colour scheme throughout is cream: Cream walls, shelves and cupboards; dado and ceiling off white; and floor a deeper shade of cream, say biscuit colour. The place is centrally heated, and the dispensary is fitted with concealed strip lighting around the four walls and along the top shelves of the two dispensing counters. By the way, there are no "shop rounds" in the shop. The dispensary is self-contained, and there is no need for the dispenser to go marching into the shop for anything he requires; everything is

to hand.

Light and Roomy

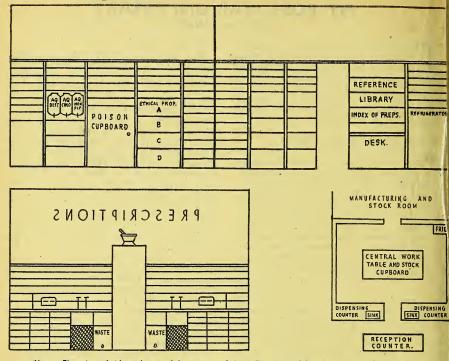
The walls and shelves are of creamcoloured glass. (Glass, in assorted shades, can be obtained in thicknesses of up to one inch; it is widely used for facias and, in a dispensary, would make a much more effective material than tiles, inasmuch as the glass can be obtained in large slabs, and can be made to measure. brands of heavy glass, too, are unbreakable. The smooth faces of long slabs of coloured glass make an effective material for a dispensary). The shelves are all built-in and recessed, with no square corners anywhere. Where the floor makes an angle with the wall the angle is filled in to form a rounded union, for where there are no "corners" there is no harbouring of dust. All shelves in the dispensary are treated in

the same way.

The dispensing counters are 8 ft. long and 2 ft. deep, and the shelves carry an arrangement of the more commonly used drugs and solutions. Each dispensing counter has a sink with hot and cold water laid on. The sink is not large, but is made of stainless steel. Over each sink is a draining rack for measures, and the dispensing screen is naturally fitted with gas jet for sealing wax. The actual dispensing counter is in heavy rubber. Though rubber is not 100 per cent. impervious, it is more so than wood, and much easier to keep clean. The dispensary floor is of rubber, too-the heavy, hard-wearing rubber used in cinema foyers. On the dispensing counter there is a desk with slide drawer for labels. The labels, by the way, would not have printed directions, nor would these be typed on-a handwritten label has, to my mind, a much more personal and profes-An efficient label sional appearance. damper is on the desk. The drawers of the dispensing counters carry only necessities for dispensing: Corks, wrapping paper, ointment boxes and pots, tablet boxes and bottles, cachet boxes, etc., plus small equipment such as suppository moulds, powder folders, palette knives, etc. One cupboard holds the larger equipment: Pill machines, mortars, pestles, filters, etc.

Easy to Keep Clean

Untidiness in the average dispensary is principally occasioned by the act of removing labels from once-used bottles. Whether they are scraped or soaked off, there always seem traces of them about the place. In



Above: Elevation of side and rear of dispensary. Below: Elevation of dispensary front, from within.

Plan of dispensary (reduced scale).

my ideal dispensary a clean bottle is used every time. Under the sink is a large wire basket, and adjacent to this is a fitted, pedal-operated waste bin. Corks and waste paper are put in the bin, and dirty bottles in the wire basket, which is constructed to fit into a deep sink in the porters' room, so that when the basket becomes filled with dirty bottles it is only necessary to remove it bodily and replace it with an empty basket. The full basket is put in its special sink, the hot water turned on, and the porter set to work on the job of cleaning. Finally, there is a heated towel rail along the edge of the counter in front of the sink. Before passing on from the dispensing counter, a word about the dispensing balance. Shops being what they are, dust is always about, and I have never been really happy about open dispensing balances, while a standard balance in a glass case is too cumbersome and tedious in operation. I once saw an illustration in an American drug magazine of a covered-in dispensing balance which looked interesting; it was of clear glass, a low model, with cover hinged on, and looked very neat.

To the side of the dispensing counter are aq. chlorof., aq. menth. pip. and aq. dest. in 2-gall. glass jars fitted with tap. On shelves above these are stock solutions, and the bottom shelf is given over to prescription books. The same arrangements are made on each wall for each dispenser. The D.D.A. cupboard needs no explanation. The poisons cupboard has rows of shelves for drugs in the Pharmacopæia, and an arrangement of compartments for preparations of the various "ethical" manufacturers. Along the walls, next to the D.D.A. and poisons cupboards, are drawers for stocking the ethical products, each drawer normally given over to the products of one maker and labelled accordingly. drawers do not extend to the full height of the fittings, as this would render it impossible to see anything in the top drawers without using a ladder. The upper portion is given over to more dispensing rounds. It may be true that one drawer

vould not be sufficient to hold the stocks hat have to be carried of some of the thical products, but the dispensary is not needed to be a warehouse; it carries only small quantity of any one item. The efrigerator stands in one corner, and is used to house all the stocks of sera and accines. The far wall is taken over by nore shelves of dispensing rounds and intment pots, except for one portion llotted to the pharmaceutical and scienific library, and to an index of ethical roducts. These are over a desk with easy hair intended for the use of visiting doctors.

Well Stocked with Literature

The provision for advertisers' literature s a strong point. I keep an index of all uch "ethical" literature, and find it xtremely useful, both for my own informtion, and in assisting doctors. But what clumsy, cumbersome, unsightly index t is! The manufacturers issue literature in peace-time) in all sorts of shapes and izes, from small cards of individual roducts to leaflets embracing three or four lifferent products, and on to thick cataogues giving brief information about a whole range. A lot of the literature sent ut is remarkable for the absence of any ndication about what the patient or the loctor has to pay for the preparation escribed. If any manufacturers concerned ead these words will they please take ote? Why do not the various firms coperate on this problem? If they sent their terature out on cards, about 9 in. by 5 in. r even less, using one card per product, iving all relevant details, including price, harmacies could keep them all neatly led, ready to hand, and up to date. harmacists, doctors, and the manufacurers themselves would all benefit. Proessional life is far too complicated, and implification and unification wherever ossible would be a great advantage.

In the centre of the dispensary is a large tock cupboard and work-table combined. The table is wired for power and fitted with coints for gas. The front half, nearest the lispensers, is for the stock of washed ispensing bottles, each size in separate rop-door lockers. The two sides are for tock tablets and pills, and the back is sed for large equipment (hand emulsifier, suchner filters, hot plate, powder-sifters, tc.) and to house, say, the pill ingredients and miscellaneous tablets. It will probably e argued that a dispensary of the size uggested could not accommodate everyhing necessary in the daily job of dispens-

ing. I think it would—for this reason. The dispensing rounds would be much smaller than are normally found, and there would be more of them. For all drugs where the average amount dispensed is, say, 160 minims, an 8-oz. bottle is quite large enough for the dispensary. Of course, there would be some one-pint dispensing rounds in my dispensary (inf. gent. co., syr. glycerophos. co., etc.) but much economy of space could be effected by cutting down. the size of many others. With low fittings, this dispensary would tend to look bare to people inside the shop, so I would have large decorative specie jars, old mortars and pestles, etc., arranged around the top shelf. There is no provision in this dis-pensary for surgical dressings, small surgical instruments, or winchesters of any item, but the omission is intentional.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following candidates satisfied the examiners in the Chemist and Druggist examination held in London in April:—

Bagshaw, D. H., Dudley
Blay, E. R., Coventry
Booth, C. J. H., Sheffield
Boulter, L., Sheffield
Boulter, L., Sheffield
Foulkes, Amy N., Birmingham
Goodchild, D. C., Palmer's Green
Gwynne, J. C., Port Talbot
John, T. L., Neath
Jones, Sarah, Brynamman
Lewis, J. C., Bardsley
Mehegan, R. J., Cardiff
Palto, M., Llanelly
Rees, D. G., Blackwood
Snelling, Peter, Lowestoft
Trenberth, Gordon, Treherbert
Walker, H. G., Lowestoft

The following candidates were successful in the examination held in Scotland in April:—

Campbell, Rose, Uddingston
Cardosi, F. C., Dundee
Curry, Mary, Oldham
Douglas, A. J., Leeds
Jones, Kathleen A., Halifax
Kydd, G. C. W., Broughty Ferry
Richards, W. H., Wigtown
Royce, Donald, Normanton
Varley, Frances M., Whitley Bay
Vincent, Margaret W., Newcastle-on-Tyne
Whatmough, Eva, Manchester

The following candidates have satisfied the examiners in the examination for the diploma in biochemical analysis:—

Allen, Dorothy M.; Crawford, R. A.; Frenkel Aurelia; Fullarton, A. C.; Hudson, Mary E.; McWilliam, Alexander; Rees, Elfyn; Sen Gupta, A.; Stephenson, W.; Stewart, Jean; Taylor, D. V.; Wallace, A. G.; Weeks, G. W.

PROPRIETARY ARTICLES TRADE ASSOCIATION

The forty-eighth annual meeting of members of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association was held in London on April 13, the president (Mr. P. G. Hunt) in the chair. The President moved adoption of the annual report and financial statement. The report showed that membership of the manufacturers' section had increased to 364. The retail section, approximately 10,000 strong, also showed a slight increase. Price-cutting had continued to decrease, but during the year P.A.T.A. representatives had paid 1,500 investigation calls, made 700 test purchases, and furnished reports on prices charged and stock held by traders still named on the stop list.

Dividend Agreements Not Being Observed

Particular attention had been paid to co-operative societies, and there was evidence that in several instances the "nodividend-with-P.A.T.A.-goods" provision of the Societies' agreement was not being properly observed. Publication of the protected list, with supplements, had been continued throughout the war and, within the limitations imposed by the Paper Control, revenue from advertisements had been well maintained. The Central Price Regulation Committee continued to recognise the protected list as a list of "permitted prices," and during the year the Association had been in frequent touch with the Committee on increases in prices of P.A.T.A. articles. The council appreciated the courteous and helpful attitude invariably shown by the Committee and its officials. Members were reminded that increases in prices of articles in the P.A.T.A. list affected by the provisions of the Goods and Services (Price Control) Act were certified by the manufacturers concerned to comply with the requirements of the Act.

Propaganda and Future Policy

The committee appointed to conduct propaganda had done excellent work during the year. Leaflets, articles, Press notices and advertisements had served to remind members of the importance and value of the Association's price-maintenance work. An increasing use of the "P.A.T.A. symbol" by manufacturer members in their trade advertisements was noted. Toward the close of the year the council had received from the Executive of the National Pharmaceutical Union representations regarding the policy of the P.A.T.A., and, at a later date, suggestions for changes in the

constitution and operation of the Association. The council had since appointed a committee of inquiry to consider and report on the future policy of the P.A.T.A. in the light of present circumstances.

The income and expenditure account for the year showed that income (£10,313) exceeded expenditure by £224. Subscriptions from manufacturers (£2,866) and wholesalers (£2,870) showed a slight decrease, the former due, in part, to the withdrawal from the protected list of a number of proprietary articles, manufacture of which had been temporarily discontinued owing to shortage of supplies or other economic causes. Income from the retail section (£3,766) showed a modest increase while donations from retailers and manufacturers had increased to £832. The counci regarded the financial position and strength of the Association as most satisfactory.

President's Comments

THE PRESIDENT said the report provided evidence that, after four years of war, the P.A.T.A. was in a healthy state. It was most gratifying that, after an initial decline in the number of manufacturer members during the early years of the war, an upward tendency was again noticeable-a nel increase of thirteen during the year was most satisfactory. The retail section, with a membership almost exclusively of chemists, was stronger than ever. It was natural that the price-cutting evil should have almost disappeared during war-time, but the check-up of stop-listed traders, test purchases and investigations referred to in the report were of great value and use The co-operative society position, which was less satisfactory, was receiving careful attention, and every endeavour would be made to have things put right. The useful ness, to the trade generally, of the pro-tected list deserved a tribute; and the Association's ability to produce and distribute the list and its various supplements regularly and under difficult conditions would be appreciated, particularly by retai members. The co-operation of manufacturer members who found it necessary to make price increases had resulted in the smooth negotiation of some difficult fences Retailers had certainly benefited from the recognition of the P.A.T.A. list as a "list of permitted prices."

The founder of the P.A.T.A. had said that retailers grew accustomed to regard the price-maintenance benefits they derived

from its work as something as natural as: the rain that fell from heaven. Chemists, like other people, were apt to be forgetful, and as signs of this forgetfulness were becoming apparent, the council had decided to embark on a modest campaign of pubicity, which had not been without its effect. All he could say at the moment about sugrestions for possible reorganisation was that he committee of inquiry had not comleted its deliberations. Its recommendaion, he hoped, would be available shortly. The president referred to the loss the P.A.T.A. had sustained through the death of Mr. G. M. Garcia and the recent resignaion of Mr. J. Godber. He said the financial statement showed interesting contrasts with the income and expenditure account presented twenty-five years earlier. Then, etailers had subscribed £1,600, against 3,760 in 1943; wholesalers £231, against 2,870; and manufacturers £1,765, against 2,866. In 1918 the total income of the Association was £3,640, against £10,300 oday, and instead of the substantial 1943 um of £830 for donations to the funds, onorary subscriptions and donations in 918 amounted to only £10 12s.

Adoption of the report was seconded by Mr. Bohn, supported by several speakers, nd carried unanimously. Votes of thanks were accorded to the secretary and staff or their work, and to the president for his

hairmanship of the meeting.

Council Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the council was all in London on April 13, the president Mr. P. G. Hunt) in the chair. The President Dent referred to the resignation, through ll-health, of Mr. J. Godber, who enjoyed he distinction of being the only member of council who had held the presidency on hree occasions (1914, 1932 and 1935). He noved the following resolution, which was manimously adopted:—

The council of the Proprietary Articles Trade Association place on record their regret that reasons of health have compelled the resignation from the council of Mr. J. Godber. They recall that Mr. Godber had had an unbroken term of forty years as member of the council, during which, as representative of his company (Newton, Chambers & Co., Ltd.) on the manufacturers' section, as member of the executive committee, and on three occasions as president, he rendered devoted and invaluable service to the Association and the council. They express to Mr. Godber their sincere thanks for, and appreciation of, his services over this long period and their good wishes for his

restoration to health and happiness in his retirement.

The council endorsed the recommendation of the manufacturers' section that the vacancy on the executive committee occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Godber should be filled by Mr. R. G. Dyas (J. Grossmith & Son, Ltd.).

Absence from Council Meetings

The council adopted the following resolution:—

Should a member of any section of the council fail to attend three consecutive quarterly meetings of that section, the fact shall be reported to the council, and such member shall be deemed to have resigned his membership of the council, unless the council shall resolve otherwise.

It was agreed that, at the next meeting, a resolution providing for the admission to honorary membership of the council of former members who had rendered outstanding services should be submitted.

THE PRESIDENT stated that the committee of inquiry appointed in January had had a number of meetings, but had not yet concluded its deliberations and report. It was anticipated that this would be ready shortly and that a special meeting of the council might be called to deal with the matter.

Price Maintenance

The report on price-maintenance work stated that in the past three months the Association's agents had visited the premises of 529 traders, and had taken note of the P.A.T.A. articles stocked and the prices charged. In only twenty-three instances were P.A.T.A. goods offered at cut prices. Except in a few instances, stocks of P.A.T.A. articles held by stoplisted traders tested were small or non-existent. In the twelve months ended March 31, 1,684 testing and investigation calls had been made, and 680 test purchases effected. A number of branches of important co-operative societies had been tested by local secretaries and the Association's representatives, and the tests had made it evident that, in far too many instances, dividend-bearing checks had been given to members with purchases of P.A.T.A. goods. The council decided on the action to be taken.

War Exhibition at Vacated Pharmacy.— An exhibition illustrating the war effort of Jewish Palestine was staged recently at premises formerly used as a chemist's shop on the northern side of Piccadilly, Circus, London, W.I.



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e fact that goods made of raw materials short supply owing to war conditions are vertised in this paper or described in its torial columns should not be taken as an lication that they are necessarily available export.

Practical Research

iong the many inquiries and investigans carried out annually by the Imperial stitute, London, a range of problems of erest to the drug and allied trades can ually be found. In this respect the year 43 was no exception, despite the warne difficulties in providing facilities for s type of work. Sir Harry Lindsay, ector of the Institute, in his annual report 1943, mentions, under the heading of Plant and Animal Products Department," at the work has been carried out mainly behalf of official bodies in connexion with terials of immediate importance. During e period under review reports were furshed on 176 samples originating in many untries, e.g. United Kingdom, New aland, Union of South Africa, India, itish Guiana, Cyprus, Kenya, Nigeria, azil, the Belgian Congo and French West rica. A large proportion of the materials vestigated came from departments of griculture and Forestry and other official ganisations in the overseas Empire. Sames were also examined on behalf of various ganisations in the United Kingdom, and hers were received from planters overseas d from firms in this country.

Such diverse materials as pyrethrum

flowers, banana fibres, cassava starch, mangrove bark, castor oil, seaweed, dried vegetables and gouged cattle hides are among the substances that are grist to the mill of this department. We learn, inter alia, that banana fibres from Nigeria would be saleable in the United Kingdom under present conditions, that cassava starch from the same source represents starch of a satisfactory quality to meet the present needs of the United Kingdom market, that mangrove bark from Sierra Leone has a tannin content too low for profitable shipment, that Nigerian castor oil compares satisfactorily with castor oils already in use as lubricants, and that New Zealand seaweed (Gigartina decipiens) is highly satisfactory as a clarifying agent in brewing. Investigations and reports such as these are of a highly practical character, and in many instances the results largely affect the development of new industries throughout the Empire.

Many Inquiries

Of the 820 inquiries dealt with during the year, the report gives examples of only a few, selecting for emphasis some of the lesser-known products and industries. the question of developing the production of papain in the West Indies, for example, the Institute furnished a statement giving an outline of the methods of preparation and marketing of the product, and made observations with regard to new processes being worked out in the United States for the production of a high-grade material. Present and possible future uses of papain were discussed, and reference was made to the possibility of bromelin becoming a serious competitor on the resumption of the pineapple canning industry after the The Government entomologist in Sierra Leone was furnished with information concerning cashew nut shell oil, the results of which showed that the possible applications of this material as an insecticide were limited. Assistance was given to a Gold Coast firm in the manufacture of soap, the recovery of glycerin, and candle-making with a view to the commercial production of these materials in the Colony. items of interest dealt with in this section of the report include the provision of information on vanilla, logwood, animal gut,

bleaching of palm oil, cultivation of lavender and the production of the oil in Tanganyika, production of sesame, marketing of pyrethrum, etc.

Insecticides

Although no meetings of the Consultative Committee on Insecticide Materials of Vegetable Origin were held during the year, investigations concerning derris root and pyrethrum, in which the Committee has been interested, were conducted in the Imperial Institute laboratories, in conjunction with Rothamsted Experimental Sta-The work embraced the study of methods of examination of these materials, continuing that carried out in previous years, and the analysis of numerous samples. The bibliography of literature concerning insecticide materials of vegetable origin, notably derris, pyrethrum and allied materials, prepared by the intelligence section of the Department, has proved highly satisfactory, and has been distributed, by request, to an increased number of official organisations.

Fluorine in Dentifrices

THE "British Medical Journal," in its issue of April 1, makes the arresting suggestion that legislation should be introduced rendering compulsory the inclusion of specified amounts of fluorine in every dentifrice sold. It may doubtless be argued that there is a good precedent for such a course in the statutory inclusion of calcium and vitamin preparations in the national loaf of bread. There are, however, two important points of difference. The first is that, while everybody eats bread, cleaning the teeth is, unfortunately, not a universal practice. There are still too many people who regard as unnecessary or rather a bore what should be a habit as regular as washing the face.

Victims Left Unaffected

The scientific purpose of the proposal, namely the prevention of dental caries, might thus be achieved among users of tooth-pastes, while leaving many victims of caries untouched. A second point is that while calcium may be a universal requirement in the diet (and even on this conclusion there is disagreement), there is definite evidence in certain parts of the country of

an excessive intake of fluorine resulting unsightly mottling of the teeth.

The technical difficulties, if any, of inco porating fluorides in dentifrices withou sacrifice of other properties of an ide dental product could no doubt be overcom although they might fall more hardly of some makers than others, but there is ser ous objection to compelling further exce of fluorine where the amount of the el ment that comes in contact with the teet is already too great. If the inclusion soluble fluorides in dentifrices gains accep ance by dental authorities as being valuab where caries is prevalent, a more satisfactor approach would be, perhaps, mutual agre ment among the manufacturers to mark only fluoride-containing preparations in th areas affected, while supplying "plain dentifrices where mottling is common.

Fluorine Areas Charted

It is understood that considerable pro gress has already been made in mappir out the country according to the present or absence of fluorine in the local wate and the presentation by one maker of mor than one variety of tooth-paste, while involve distribution difficultie would introduce essentially no greate obstacle than the blending of special teas t suit "hard" or "soft" waters. established by the "B.M.J." article that (fluoride solutions administered subcutant ously are without effect on dental caries (b) fluoride solutions taken orally act onl to the extent that they come in contact with the teeth; and (c) fluorides are directly absorbed by the enamel from solutions of preparations while in the mouth. It can be expected that dentifrice manufacturers wi be quick to appreciate the significance these facts so soon as they are made away of them, and to co-operate accordingly with medical and dental authorities. Question of compulsion can then be left until the us of dentifrices becomes, by whatever mean universal.

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ARGER HALL NEEDED AT GLASGOW MEETING

HE annual meeting of the Glasgow and outh-western Scottish Branch of the harmaceutical Society was held in Glasgow 1 April 12, Mr. David Gemmell (chairtan) presiding over such a large attendance 1 at an adjournment had to be made to a 1 arger hall. The report (showing a memberip of 1,270—a decréase of fourteen) and nancial statement were approved. It was 1 timated a ten-shilling note, accompanied 1 y a letter from the chairman, had been 1 to each of 139 members on service; inety-five had acknowledged receipt.

Mr. Andrew Officer, Glasgow, was elected hairman, with Mr. Robert M. McCrone, oatbridge, Vice-chairman, and Mr. Robert IcAdam, 1044 Dumbarton Road, Glasgow, v.4, Secretary, and Treasurer. It was nanimously agreed to increase Mr. IcAdam's honorarium by £20. Mr. Thomas lewton was appointed Librarian, with Iessrs. Peebles and W. Wood Wilson Luditors. There were twenty-seven nominations for membership of the Committee, hose successful being Messrs. E. J. B. Ilison; H. Allison; Buick; C. Campbell;

Culbert; Dick; Hughan; Gemmell; A. B. Gilmour; Home; Milne; Napier; T. Smith; Miss Paul; and Miss Suttie. Messrs. Campbell and Gilmour were elected to act as delegates to the British Pharmaceutical Conference, with the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary.

The meeting considered a letter from the Council suggesting certain restrictions on the publicity sought by candidates for seats on the Council. It was pointed out that the recommendations were not practicable and enforceable. It was accordingly agreed to allow the letter to lie on the table.

On behalf of the Benevolent Fund, Mr. A. B. GILMOUR appealed for members' support, Mr. Thomas Guthrie also stressing the claims of the Fund. The Chairman reminded members also of the Soldiers' Comforts Fund. Various members pressed for information as to what was being done to safeguard the position of pharmacists under the proposed National Health scheme, and it was stated that pharmacists' interests were being watched by a representative committee.

FOUR EMPLOYEES SPEAK AT SHEFFIELD

four employees were the speakers at a neeting of the Sheffield Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society recently. They were Iessrs. J. Gilmour, M.P.S. (National Union f Distributive and Allied Workers), H. S. Valker (Association of Scientific Workers), A. A. Wompra, M.P.S. (National Pharmaeutical Employees' Union), and S. Durham, I.P.S. (Association of Pharmaceutical Employees). Mr. C. A. Fox presided. Mr. GILMOUR opened with a brief history of organisation among employee pharmacists. Only by organisation and a united front, ne said, could the many difficulties of employees be overcome; this was particuarly true at present, in view of discussions about the proposed National Health Service. The Joint Industrial Council for Retail Pharmacy, too, would be effective only if it had the full backing of all employees. Mr. Walker, speaking as a scientist, maintained that, to be really effective, a union must be affiliated to the Trades Union Congress. The Association of Scientific Workers was attempting to improve the status of science generally, as well as to show the general public the use of science in everyday life. For the National Pharmaceutical Employees' Union Mr. WOMPRA said it was up to each individual member to

make a union of employees what he wanted it to be. This was possible in the N.P.E.U., which was a new union, and he felt that even if all employees belonged to one union the number would still be small among the overwhelming whole of the T.U.C. The N.P.E.U. was not in any way connected with the National Pharmaceutical Union, but had been started by a group of employees in London. The A.P.E. speaker, Mr. Durham, reminded listeners that the A.P.E. had been formed at a time when wages had been extremely low. Its first success had been the obtaining of a regular weekly half-day holiday for employees in Manchester, and since that time it had had a number of other successes to its credit. The setting-up of a Joint Industrial Council in pharmacy was, he claimed, directly due to the A.P.E., which also had the greatest number of employee representatives upon it. Pharmacy, he felt, would either die out altogether as a career within twenty-five years, or would have to undergo an improvement. To be sure of the latter pharmacists must organise, and he maintained that the A.P.E. was progressive, strong and stable. Mr. Dixon (vice-chairman) proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers; this was seconded by Mr. Crowe and carried.

ESSENTIAL OILS CONTROL SCHEME

The following information for the guidance of datum-period distributors (Circular No. 8) has been issued by Allocations Control:—

Allocation of Complete Packages to Users. The Advisory Committee points out for the information of D.P.D.'s that when D.P.D.'s receive an allocation of an oil which amounts to only a proportion of the total quantity of that oil for which they have been nominated, they are not obliged to deliver to their users in precisely the same proportion and, in fact, should not do so if undue repacking would result. D.P.D.'s should distribute to their users so far as possible in original packages even if this means that the proportions received by different users vary somewhat, provided that each user receives a reasonable proportion of each allocation. In this matter D.P.D.'s should use their discretion and only repack where this is unavoidable. Breaking bulk charges may not be added to the basic selling price where an ullaged package is delivered. They are applicable only to quantities actually extracted and repacked from an original container. Where it is necessary to make up a special outer package to contain an original tin or tins, this may be invoiced at a reasonable price.

Small Suppliers' Allotments.—The secretaries report that in a number of cases certain nominated suppliers who were not themselves D.P.D.'s had failed to appoint a D.P.D., and that consequently quantities, possibly running into thousands of pounds of oil, which might otherwise have been distributed were being held up. Appropriate applications for the nomination of a D.P.D. had been repeatedly made to these suppliers, without response from them. The Advisory Committee has therefore decided that any supplier who has not yet appointed a D.P.D. for the allotments due to him in the 1943 programme, should be notified by the secretaries that, unless he nominates a D.P.D. within ten days, Allocations Control will transfer the allotment to a D.P.D. qualified to act, and that owing to his failure to act on his customers' behalf he would consequently lose his interest in the business. The secretaries also state that it frequently happened that a large proportion of the D.P.D.'s nominated for a particular oil within one supervisory body might each have total allotments amounting only to very small quantities of the oil in question. It had therefore been decided

that supervisory bodies, so soon as flereturns from their users were completed should write to each supplier nominated by the users giving particulars of the nominations and stating that: (a) if the supplies were not D.P.D.'s they must themselve appoint a D.P.D. for the quantity is question within ten days, giving the secretaries, Whinney, Smith & Whinney 4b Frederick's Place, London, E.C.2, the following information: The name an address of the D.P.D. so nominated variety of oil(s), weight in 1b., and the supervisory body concerned. Failing the receipt of such an advice within the periodentioned, Allocations Control would reserve the right to transfer the allotment to D.P.D. qualified to act. (b) In the ever of the total quantity of oil for which D.P.D. is nominated under any one supervisory body not exceeding in value fit Allocations Control should have the right at its discretion, to transfer the allotment to another D.P.D.

Fixed Contribution.—The Advisory Com mittee has found it necessary to increase the fixed contribution, and the following rates will apply: 4 per cent. on the "no tional" c.i.f. value on oils imported by th Ministry of Food; 5 per cent. on the c.i.s value on all other oils imported under licence. These new rates will apply to oil delivered by the Ministry of Food under th 1944 programme, due advice being give of this by the secretaries on the allocatio permits; for oils imported under licence it will apply to any shipments arriving i the U.K. after April 30, 1944. Approved representatives concerned with importa tions under licence should note that Circula No. 3 will become obsolete and fresh cal culations will have to be made. The new formula and a revised table are given in the circular.

C. & D. QUIZ NO. 26

- 1. What is caustic barley?
- 2. What is litmus?
- 3. What is wild cinnamon bark?
- 4. What is chicle?
- 5. Why is rubidium so called?
- 6. What is powder of Algaroth?
- 7. What is Rinman's green?
- 8. What is aker-tuba?
- q. Why is cassium so called?
- 10. What is cortin?

(Answers on p. 453)

PHARMACIST M.P. ON N.H.S. PROPOSALS

DRESSING Bradford Branch of the Pharceutical Society on "The National alth Service White Paper" on April 12, JOR W. E. WOOLLEY, M.P., M.P.S., said s was not so much a concrete scheme at moment as a matter of "kite-flying" to the reactions of the people involved. was up to chemists to make up their nds what they felt their rôle should be l let the Ministry know as soon as posle. There was little in the White Paper present about pharmacy, and it was up pharmacy to offer its own suggestions to dispensing and medicine-distribution thods. Some people suggested there old be a Central Board to administer the y-to-day functioning of the dispensing vice, just as there was to be the Central dical Board to administer the working of doctors. The scheme might even require emists to become State servants. atended that the 20,000 chemists in the intry must be the nation's dispensers, t that they could do it best from their n individual pharmacies—which were far ore effectively dispersed among the homes the mass of the people than any system health-centre distribution could hope to Another matter on which chemists must ke themselves quite clear and definite s their remuneration. They did not want repetition of the one-time system under tional Health Insurance of the chemist's y being what was left in the "kitty."

ee Choice Hardly Possible

Whilst agreeing that nobody was likely quarrel with the idea of a national edical service for everybody, or the prosal for equal benefit for equal pay, against me of the injustices of the present health surance system, Major Woolley doubted ether the promised free choice of doctor is going to be possible in practice. The untry already had insufficient doctors. H.I. had increased the demand, which is estimated would be doubled bled. The scheme itself propose The scheme itself proposed a eiling" figure of patients beyond which individual doctor could not go. ne allocation of certain consultants and ecialists to areas meant obviously that e area doctors would be tied to those rsons so allocated, which meant there is no free choice of consultants and ecialists. The voluntary hospitals, in ajor Woolley's view, would soon cease to voluntary, because if everybody was tting a comprehensive, free service, the workpeople's hospital fund income would come to an end, and a great proportion of individual gifts and bequests would cease. Young doctors, he felt, would be compelled to go through the proposed health centres before being allowed to practise for themselves, and he did not consider that was likely to be anywhere near so adequate a training as the present system of passing through the hospitals, where the voluntary system brought out the best in a man.

Local Pharmacists' Views

In the course of discussion, Mr. F. C. WILSON (a member of the Pharmaceutical Society's Council) said the views of pharmacy on this matter had been submitted to the Ministry twelve months ago, in a joint memorandum from the Society and the National Pharmaceutical Union, yet the White Paper, as issued, appeared to ignore those suggestions entirely.—Mr. WILKINSON said the financial aspect of the matter seemed to him to be merely a case of straight multiplication as between cost of the existing N.H.I. and medical service, and that of the proposed all-in service for everybody. What chemists wanted was indication of some improvement for pharmacy, and he saw nothing in the financial proposals likely to provide that improvement.-Mr. R. A. Cross said he believed he had seen some statement which indicated that chemists were likely to be expected to give about three times the present service at no more remuneration. He wondered whether chemists were the only people in the country doing Government contract work at no profit on the goods they supplied (laughter).—Mr. WILKINSON asked if Major Woolley had seen a model of the proposed health centres, with whatever provision was being made in the way of dispensing, and the speaker said he had not seen it.—Mr. F. C. Wilson said he had seen the model, and he was not at all satisfied with what he saw on the dispensing side. It seemed to be little more than a small waiting room. - Mr. KITCHING asked whether an extension of existing N.H.I. could not provide the improvements at much less cost to the country than the proposed national health service, which was going to cost so much? - MAJOR WOOLLEY said he was inclined to agree that a simple extension of N.H.I. might meet the need; he had no liking at all for the "nationalising" of doctors and much less for any , idea of making chemists State servants.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland was held on April 11, Mr. C. J. Cremen (president) in the chair. Other members of the Council present were Messrs. J. K. Whelehan, T. B. O'Sullivan, W. G. Cunningham, M. Costelloe, J. A. O'Rourke, P. Brooke-Kelly, T. C. Scott, J. P. Kissane, D. W. P. Boyd, H. P. Corrigan and Miss F. M. Flood.

A letter was read from the Minister for Justice regarding changes proposed in the Preliminary examination regulations. The President explained that a deputation consisting of the vice-president (Mr. Whelehan), the treasurer (Mr. Cahill) and himself had been received at the Department of Justice, and the changes in the regulations proposed by the Council fully discussed. A further communication on the matter was due from the Department, and until that was received he suggested that discussion should be deferred. The Council acted on the president's suggestion. A further letter was read from the Department of Justice regarding the new Dangerous Drugs regulations, particularly in reference to their application to the control and distribution of "dangerous" drugs from wholesale houses. In view of the important issues raised, the Council decided to refer the letter for consideration by a committee.

Constitution of Proposed Guild

Mr. Seamus Murphy, M.P.S.I., 71 New Street, Dublin, wrote enclosing a copy of the proposed constitution for a Pharmaceutical and Drug Trade Guild, and requesting the views of the Council on the matter. The suggested constitution, stated Mr. Murphy, had been considered by a committee on which all interests had been represented, under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. J. Coyne, S.J. After setting out the objects of the Guild, it proposed the setting-up of a council of sixteen members and a chairman to be nominated by the Minster for Industry and Commerce. The Council would consist of two members from the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society, two from the Registered Druggists' Association, two from the Pharmaceutical Chemists' and Assistants' Union, two from the Irish Dispensary Compounders' Association, two members to represent the collective Unions catering for all employees in pharmacy, two members from the Irish Drug Association, two manufacturers, and two wholesalers.

Mr. O'ROURKE said he thought the

formation of such a Guild was a step in the right direction, and they should conside the proposals in a serious and not in a perfunctory way. The old system had failed, and they must adjust themselves to modern conditions. If they had a Guild representative of all interests in pharmacy with an independent chairman, they would be in a much stronger position and would have nothing to fear. Separate associations catering for different aspects of pharmacy would be no use, whereas this new body would be a quasi public-corporation.

Commission's Report Awaited

THE PRESIDENT said he had, as a representative of the Council, attended some of the meetings of the body set up to form a Guild. He thought it was unfortunate that they had moved ahead so quickly, especially since they were all awaiting the report of the Vocational Commission, which he presumed would deal with the organisation of all professional interests, and not alone pharmacy, in a big way. The proposals made by this Guild committee might be overridden by the Vocational Commission's report, which he thought premature.

Mr. Scott said he had also attended the meetings, and he felt, like the president, that members should wait until the Vocational Commission had reported. Then it would be time enough to decide what to do.. He did not like the idea of a chairman being appointed by the Government, as he felt that was moving towards a Fascist State, and the less of that they had the better. They should go more on the lines being adopted in England, and keep such a Guild confined to retail chemists alone, disregarding outside organisations. If necessity arose for a unified body such as that proposed, the existing associations and unions could be quite easily brought together. Discussion now was premature.

MR. O'ROURKE said he would favour the appointment of a chairman by a Government Department. They needed somebody with authority to bring discipline into their ranks, and to bring in the ten or fifteen per cent. who always remained outside. The views of a joint body like a Guild could not be ignored by any Minister.

MR. BROOKE-KELLY thought they should have a joint Council on which medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, nursing, and the veterinary profession should all be represented.

THE PRESIDENT said one of the difficulties he foresaw was that a statutory body like the

rmaceutical Society would have its powers functions impaired by such a body as the gested Guild. They were the only body with utory powers, and they must face the ition clearly that certain powers they had would be passed over to this body.

IR. CUNNINGHAM said he did not think that ald be so.—The President: They would be the right to speak on a considerable nber of issues on which we are the only hority at the moment.—Mr. Cunningham: they would not.

tht of Council to Nominate

HE PRESIDENT said he doubted very much he Council had the right to nominate two mbers to this body under the circumstances hout consulting the greater body of chemists oughout the country. A representative embly like the proposed Guild, even though lid not pretend to have power, would have tain moral force with any Government cerned. It was his duty to point out these ngs clearly. Personally, he was in favour of build system up to a point, but he honestly that the proposal before them required

found consideration, and could not be dealt h without acquainting the country of it. Ик. Симписнам said it was quite obvious y were discussing something not understood the Council generally. For that reason it

ght be as well to leave it over.

MR. Scott said a similar communication m Mr. Murphy had been before the Irish ug Association at its most recent meeting, I members of that body had thought it irely premature, deciding to await the cational Commission's report.—Mr. Cunsonam: I agree it is premature.
Mr. Brooke-Kelly asked if the suggested

ild would have statutory powers.—Mr. ROURKE said that if vocational organisation s decided upon by the Legislature, each

ild would have statutory powers.

MISS FLOOD inquired if this Guild must be med before or after the Vocational Comston reported.—MR. O'ROURKE replied that body was compelled to take action, but if ople in a certain profession were sufficiently erested they could form their own organisan. The trouble in Eire was that they had merous voluntary associations with no wers. He agreed with Mr. Cunningham that e real difficulty was lack of understanding of e Guild principles. This was an entirely new ncept of organisation, in which each pro-ssion would be supreme in its own sphere, bject only to the legislature. At present the rislature dealt with separate groups. The mination of a chairman by the Minister for dustry and Commerce would, he thought, be advantage.

Mr. Brooke-Kelly said that the Pharmautical Society looked after the professional le of pharmacy, and the Irish Drug Associa-on the trade side. The new body, he thought, ould merely duplicate what these bodies

ould do.

Mr. Boyd: Have we any information as to e Government attitude towards the Guild system at all?—The President: We are awaiting the report of the Vocational Commission, a body which is Government-sponsored.

The Council decided to defer consideration

of the matter for the present.

The Codex Committee wrote forwarding the Sixth Supplement to the British Pharmaceutical Codex. Mr. K. Deery (secretary, Registered Pharmaceutical Students' Representative Council) wrote thanking the Council for its grant of fire to cover that council's initial organising expenses. Mrs. T. Ferris, L.P.S.I. (née MacAuliffe) wrote submitting marriage certificate, and requesting change of name in the Register; the application was granted. The application of Dr. L. A. Cooke, who submitted a Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall certificate, and requested registration as a pharmaceutical and requested registration as a pharmaceutical chemist, was granted. Mr. D. Sheahan and Miss Mary T. Leydon, both of whom forwarded matriculation certificates, were granted preliminary registration.

Committee Reports

The reports of the House, Law, Certificates and Declarations, Schools, and Education Committees were submitted and approved. The report of the Certificates and Declaration Committee stated that forty-one candidates, one of whom had later withdrawn, had entered for the forthcoming Licence examination, and two candidates for the Registered Druggist examination. The Registrar reported on the deaths of Messrs. T. White, Ph.C., W. C. Harvey, Ph.C., H. A. Gray, Ph.C., J. K. Murray, Ph.C., F. W. Dodds, R.D., S. Hill, R.D., I. Kirker, R.D., R. Stevenson, R.D., and R. S. Thompson, R.D. The following changes of address were notified: Mr. M. Fortune, M.P.S.I., to Marconi House, Rosslare Strand, Wexford; Mr. J. Coffey, L.P.S.I., to 4 Waring Street, Belfast; Mr. C. F. Fairweather, L.P.S.I., to 14 Highway, Ridge Estate, Yate. Bristol: candidates for the Registered Druggist exam-Street, Bellast; Mr. C. F. Fairweather, L.P.S.I., to 14 Highway, Ridge Estate, Yate, Bristol; Mr. T. H. Giff, L.P.S.I., to Sebra, Ulster Avenue, Dunmurry, Belfast; Miss M. E. Hanna, L.P.S.I., to King George V Sanatorium, Godalming, Surrey; Mrs. V. C. F. Hepburne-Scott, L.P.S.I., to St. Paul's Rectory, Wokingham, Berks; Mr. W. Kelly, L.P.S.I., to 2 Woodhouse Street, Portadown; Mr. T. J. Lynch L. D. S. L. and Grand Towards Monday. Woodhouse Street, Portadown; Mr. I. J. Lynch, L.P.S.I., to 2 Longford Terrace, Monkstown, co. Dublin; Mr. E. A. O'Callaghan, L.P.S.I., to 237 Griffith Avenue, Dublin; Miss K. M. Roberts, L.P.S.I., to 34 Bassett Green Road, Southampton; Mr. A. J. Walmsley, L.P.S.I., to 40 Hanover Street, Liverpool; Mr. I. Greaney R.D. to Rathbaum, Druma-Mr. J. Greaney, R.D., to Rathbaun, Druma-haire, co. Leitrim; and Mrs. M. A. Wall, R.D., to Medical Hall, Main Street, Lismore, co. Waterford.

The following were elected members of the Society: Messrs. J. J. Doyle, P. Fitzgibbon, J. J. Forristal, W. P. Sullivan, J. V. Tobin, and W. E. Williamson. The following were nominated for membership: Messrs. M. J. Harty, Vicar Street, Tuam; T. J. Lynch, 2 Longford Terrace, Monkstown; and T. E. and T. E. The Quigley, 12 Pearse Square, Fermoy. The Licence certificate of Ellen Veronica Lynam

was signed and sealed.

TRADE REPORT

Spot quotations for pharmaceutical chemicals, crude drugs and essential oils represe the prices for wholesale quantities of standard quality. C.i.f. quotations do not inclumarine war risk insurance and other abnormal charges payable in the present emergen-

28 Essex Street, W.C.2, April 19

The past week has been an uneventful one in the London drug and chemical markets, with the general tone subdued but steady. Business has been moving quietly, with practically all orders for modest quantities for immediate consumption. The shortage of spot supplies of some items and the necessity, on account of slow shipping movements, of estimating requirements far in advance, are two of the principal difficulties with which merchants have to contend under present conditions. circumstances stocks are being reasonably well maintained and, with one or two notable exceptions, most orders for moderate quantities can be filled without difficulty. In the Pharmaceutical Chemicals section a slight advance (Id. per lb.) has been notified for CITRATES, while ZINC SALTS and CALAMINE have been increased by the same amount. METHYL SALICYLATE appears to be in rather better supply.

Crude Drugs

Most reports from this section of the markets indicate a quiet week of business, in which substantial orders have been few and far between. Prices are generally well maintained, with changes amounting only to small movements either way. A few cases of Cape Aloes are reported available for sale to consumers only, subject to official approval. Stocks of Benzoin are now de-CARDAMOMS remain exceedingly pleted. quiet, with no quotable changes in values on the week; export business is negligible. CHILLIES is as previously quoted. hand supplies of black Cochineal are now exhausted. Ergot is short, but the price is unaltered. Quiet conditions obtain for Gum ACACIA. IPECACUANHA is still absent from the market, and there appears to be little likelihood of supplies becoming available in the near future. Present spot stocks of JALAP seem to be confined to small lots of root testing 13 per cent. MENTHOL continues in some inquiry, but material at the controlled prices is not being offered. QUILLAIA BARK is quoted dearer for shipment. RHU-BARB is wanted, but supplies are no longer plentiful. A little inquiry has been noted for imported SEEDS, but no alterations in values have been made,

Essential Oils

No developments of importance havoccurred in this section. Supplies of "free oils are generally exceedingly difficult locate, with high prices being asked for son varieties. Odd packages of Anise (standard Peppermint are occasionally offere Eucalyptus and Lemongrass are hard find on spot. Gingergrass appears to be rather more plentiful supply. A new circul (No. 8), under the Essential Oils Controcheme, has been issued by Allocation Control: particulars will be found on p. 44 No further changes have been announce in the prices of fixed oils.

Licences for Stramonium Leaves

The Directorate of Medical Supplies he notified the botanical drug importer section of the London Chamber of Commerce, 68 Cannon Street, London, E.C.4, its intention to recommend import licence for a limited quantity of stramonium leaved during the period ending March 31, 194. The section has been asked to arrange fits importation. For this purpose, firm which, during the years 1937 to 1942 inch sive, imported this drug, are asked to communicate with the section.

Pharmaceutical Chemicals

ACETANILIDE.—Crystals are offered at 2s 5 per lb., and powder at 2s. 6d.

AMPHETAMINE.—Makers continue to quo at approximately 150s. per lb.

BRUCINE.—Current rates per oz. are follows: Alkaloid.—Under 25 oz., is. 4½d 25 oz. and under 100 oz., is. 4d.; 100 oz. at under 500 oz., is. 3½d. Nitrate and Sulphat—Under 25 oz., is. 3½d.; 25 oz. and under 10 oz., is. 3½.; 100 oz. and under 500 oz., is. 3½.

CALAMINE, B.P.C.—Prices have been a vanced by one penny per lb., as follows: Small 7 lb., is. 8d. per lb.; 28 lb., is. 6d.

GALLIC ACID.—Quoted at from 10s. 6d. 11s. per lb., according to quantity.

GLUCOSE.—Powdered monohydrate for bu home trade, in lots of 28 lb.—I cwt., is quote per lb. as follows (containers in brackets, Iod. (28-lb.); Io½d. (14-lb.); IId. (7-lb. IS. (4-lb.); IS. 1½d. (1-lb.).

HOMATROPINE.—Makers' prices per oz. al as follows (prices per gram in brackets Alkaloid, I oz., 97s. 6d.; 4 oz., 92s. 6d. 16 oz., 87s. 6d. (6s.). Hydrochloride, hydrobrombe and sulphate, I oz., 75s.; 4 oz., 90s. 16 oz., 65s. (3s. 2d.).

PHENOLPHTHALEIN.—Makers' prices are steady as follows: Less than 7 lb., 4s. 6d. per lb., 7 lb., 4s. 5d.; 14 lb., 4s. 4d.; 28 lb., 4s. 3d.; 1 cwt., 4s. 2d.

Pilocarpine.—Makers quote at the following rates per oz.: Base, I oz., 27s.; 4 oz., 21s.; 3d.; 8 oz., 20s. 9d.; 25 oz., 20s. 3d.; Nitrate, I oz., 18s. 6d.; 4 oz., 18s.; 25 oz., 17s. 6d.

Potassium permanganate.—Makers quote

B.P. quality at is. iod. per lb.

Santonin.—Home-trade prices are as follows: 10 kilos and over, £62; not less than 5 kilos, £63; 2-4 kilos, £64; 1 kilo, £65; 500 gm., £66; 500 gm., £67; 100 gm., £68; less than 100 gm., £69 per kilo. Carriage paid in United Kingdom.

SULPHANILAMIDE.—Quoted at from 10s. 6d. to 11s. per lb., according to quantity.

TANNIC ACID (LEVIS EX ETHER).—Quotations are steady at 10s. 6d. to 11s. per lb., according to quantity.

Terpineol.—Obtainable for medicinal use at from 3s. 3d. to 4s. per lb., for B.P.C. quality.

Vanillin.—Current rates per lb. are as follows: 5 cwt., 21s. per lb.; 1 cwt., 21s. 3d.; 56 lb., 21s. 6d.; less than 56 lb/, 21s. 9d.

Crude Drugs

AGAR.—Price is controlled at 30s. per lb. by the Control of Agar (No. 1) Order, 1943.

ALOES.—A few cases of Cape are reported to e available for sale to consumers only at 79s. per cwt., net, ex store Liverpool, subject to D.M.S. approval. Curação is in small compass in spot.

Ammoniacum.—Ordinary drops may be obtained on spot at 2s. per lb.

Areca nuts.—Dealers' quotations are at about 115s. per cwt., ex store.

BALSAMS.—Tolu and Copaiba are out of stock, but *Peru* and *Canada* may be obtained at Bs. 3d. and 10s. per lb., respectively.

Belladonna.—Indian leaf, o·4 per cent., spot, 5s. 3d. per lb.; Indian root, o·49 per cent., 50os. per cwt.; o·36 per cent., 33os.

Benzoin.—Sumatra block, for pharmaceutical purposes, in small compass at £30 per cwt.

CAMPHOR.—Approved buyers may obtain small supplies of Chinese crude at 10s. per lb., and similar quantities of B.P. at 11s. 6d.

CARDAMOMS.—Practically no business passing n this item. Spot values are as follows: Aleppy greens, spot, 5s. 6d. per lb.; Aleppy seed, 6s. 6d.; plit seed, 5s. 6d.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—In good demand. Lease-Lend material is priced at 260s. per cwt. Some Canadian bark is expected which may be available at rather below Lease-Lend prices.

CHAULMOOGRA.—Hydnocarpus, spot, is. 6d. per lb., in tins in cases.

CHILLIES.—Values stand as previously quoted. Mombasa is the only variety available, for which 115s. per cwt., sellers, is the current price.

CLOVES.—Spot, is. 2d. per lb., sellers; second-grade, to arrive, iod. per lb., c.i.f., sellers.

Cochineal.—Spot supplies of blacks in first hands appear to be exhausted.

COLOCYNTH.—Spot prices range from 2s. 10½d. to 3s. 1½d. per lb., according to colour.

DIGITALIS LEAVES.—Portuguese leaves may be purchased on spot at 135s. to 140s. per cwt., according to holder; English-grown leaves, 2s. 6d. per lb.

Dragon's blood.—In exceedingly poor supply on spot; £23 per cwt. would be wanted for any available Zanzibar drop.

Ergot.—Spot supplies are not plentiful. Price from 6s. 3d. to 6s. 6d. per lb., according to holder.

Gum Acacia.—Quiet conditions obtain for this item, with values unchanged. Kordofan cleaned sorts, spot, 80s. per cwt.; bleached; shipment, 140s., c.i.f.; Talha, cleaned, 50s. per cwt., landed.

Henbane.—Indian leaf, spot, 250s. to 275s. per cwt., according to holder, with some low-testing material at 1s. 3d. per lb. Russian leaf is available at 3s. 6d. per lb.

IPECACUANHA.—No change in the position as previously reported.

Jalap.—Present spot stocks are small, with little likelihood of replacement. Any available lots of Brazilian, 13 per cent., would be worth 180s. to 200s. per cwt.

KAMALA.—Material with ash under 6 per cent. would bring in 1s. 9d. per lb.

MENTHOL.—Inquiry continues, but no supplies appear to be offering at controlled prices.

MYRRH.—Spot price of Aden sorts remains unchanged at £20 per cwt.

Nutmegs.—West Indian, spot, wormy and broken, is. $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.; sound unassorted, is. $7\frac{1}{2}d$.

Nux vomica.—Cochin continues to be offered on spot at 40s. per cwt.; shipment, 35s., c.i.f.

ORANGE PEEL.—Unobtainable on spot at present.

Pimento.—Sellers on spot at is. 5d. per lb.; shipment prices are not quoted.

Quillaia Bark.—Crushed or cut, spot, 90s. per cwt.; natural, 75s.; shipment, 60s., c.i.f.

Rhubarb.—Rough-round may be bought on spot at 9s. 6d. per lb.; flat, high-dried, would be worth 10s. Shensi is not available.

Sarsaparilla.—Dealers report native red, in small compass on spot, at 4s. 6d. per lb.

SEEDS.—A little inquiry is being received, but business in most imported varieties is exceedingly quiet. Current rates are: Corlander.—Indian, 80s. per cwt. Cumin.—Maltese, spot, 110s.; Indian, 105s. Dill.—160s., ex wharf. Fennel.—Offered at 85s. Fenugreek.—May be had at 80s. Mustard.—Controlled prices are unchanged.

Senna.—Alexandrian medium pods are at 4s. per lb.; Tinnevelly, manufacturing grade,

6d. to 6½d.; hand-picked, 8½d. to 1s.; broken Alexandrian leaves, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 4d.; siftings, 1s. 2d.; Tinnevelly, No. 1, 9d. to 101d.; No. 2, 7d. to 7½d.; No. 3, 5½d. to 6d.

SQUILL.—The spot quotation for Portuguese bulb is steady at 75s. per cwt., and that for Indian at 70s.

Tragacanth.—The principal medium grades are quoted as follows: No. 1, white, £130 per cwt.; No. 2, white, £115; No. 3, white, £100; No. 4, white, £85; pale leaf, £60; amber leaf, £50; dark amber, £40; brown leaf, £30; redand-brown leaf, £25; red leaf, from £20; hoggy, £12 to £15.

TURMERIC.—Madras finger, sound-quality, spot, 52s. 6d. per cwt., London; 50s., Liverpool 47s. 6d., Glasgow.

Waxes.—Bees'.—Supplies may be obtained only through members of the Association of Merchant Distributors of Beeswax; official prices are as follows: Crude, 26os. to 29os. per cwt.; refined, 315s. to 355s.; bleached, 340s. to 370s.; Calcutta crude, 250s. to 270s.; Calcutta bleached, 325s. to 335s. CARNAUBA. Fatty grey, 435s. per cwt., ex store, in minimum one-bag lots; shipment, 385s., c.i.f.; Primeira, 535s. per cwt., ex store, with stocks scarce; medium yellow, 527s. 6d. per cwt.; chalky grey, 425s. per cwt.; shipment, 375s., c.i.f. (c.i.f. prices include ½ per cent. W.R.I.). CANDELILLA.—Under 1 ton, 235s. per cwt.; I-5 tons, 232s. 6d.; 5 tons and over, 230s., ex store; forward, 225s. per cwt., c.i.f.

Essential and Expressed Oils

Anise (STAR).—Odd packages are reported to be occasionally offered for which about 145s. per lb. is mentioned.

BAY.—Any available spot supplies would be worth approximately 12s. per lb.

CASTOR.—Controlled price for bulk lots is £92 per ton for firsts and £90 for seconds, both naked ex works.

CINNAMON.—Leaf oil, on spot, would be worth about 15s. 6d. per lb., if available.

CLOVE.—Genuine B.P. oil is quoted by English distillers at 11s. 6d. to 12s. per lb., according to quantity.

Eucalyptus.—Spot supplies are difficult to find. Price of any available lots would be in the region of 6s. 9d. per lb.

GERANIUM.—Genuine North African oil, spot, 85s. to 90s. per lb., according to quantity.

GINGERGRASS.—May be obtained on spot at 22s. 6d. per lb.

GROUNDNUT.—Controlled prices for bulk supplies are as follows: Refined deodorised, £58 per ton; refined hardened deodorised, to 40°, £62; refined hardened deodorised, to 50° to 52°, £63; all naked ex works.

Lemongrass.—Very short, with price nominal. Nutmeg.—English distillers quote 40s. per lb., with lower prices for quantities.

PEPPERMINT.—A price of 160s. per lb. is being mentioned for odd lots of Chinese oil.

TRADE MARKS

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," March 29)

"Sevillox"; for pharmaceutical laxative preparations (5). By The Dubarry Perfumery Co., Ltd., Goldstone Laboratories, Hove Park Villas, Hove, Sussex. 625,549.

"MONTE IODATED CURATIVE SALTS THE SOURCE OF GOOD HEALTH," with design of mountain, spa, etc.; for iodated saline preparations (5). By Montecatini Spa Products, Ltd., 52 High Holborn, London, W.C.I. 625,503. "Celtan"; for pharmaceutical preparations for human use for application to the skin (5).

By Cellon Laboratories, Ltd., 380 Richmond Road, Kingston-on-Thames. 626,147.

"EUCOPINE"; for disinfectants, deodorants and antiseptics, all prepared from pine extracts or pine essences (5). By Pearson's Antiseptic Co., Ltd., 172 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.I. 626,305.

"ODEON"; for pharmaceutical preparations (5). By Cinema Electric Commodities, Ltd. Henley House, Curzon Street, London, W.1

"PATUCURE"; for pharmaceutical preparations and substances, disinfectants, medical and surgical plasters (5). By P. Rowland Hil (The Oakham Packing Co.), Main Street Wymondham, Melton Mowbray, Leices

tershire. 626,469. "Exaverm"; for rat and vermin-destroying preparations (5). By Brook, Parker & Co. Ltd., Ashfield, Horton Road, Bradford

626,515.
"GYNILINE"; for pharmaceutical preparation for treatment of menstrual disorders (5) By Roslin Chemicals, Ltd., 99 Oakland Road, London, N.W.2. 626,614.

"Neodeenal"; for all goods (5). By Brander Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., 3 to 4 Little Russel Street, London, W.C.I. 626,832. By Branded

APPLICATION AMENDMENTS

According to "The Trade Marks Journal," March 29, 1944, specification No. 623,72 by Meggeson & Co., Ltd., has been altere so as to read: "All goods included in Class except ointments and goods of the sam

description as ointments and milk food being infants' and invalids' foods." According to "The Trade Marks Journal, March 29, 1944, specification No. 625,858 b A. Wander, Ltd., has been altered so as t "Pharmaceutical preparations an substances, but not including powders.'

(From "The Trade Marks Journal," April 5)

"Ungvita"; for medicated ointments for human use (5). By Nicholas Proprietary Ltd., 10 City Road, South Melbourne Victoria, Australia. B623,034.

"GRA-FEX"; for liquid pharmaceutical preparations for internal human use (5). B Trinity Laboratories, Ltd., Brook House Old Mill Street, Blackburn. 624,998.
"LOREX"; for all goods (5). By Koray, Ltd.

56 Gamage Building, Holborn, London E.C.1. 625,965.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES

Preservative for Cider.—W. M. N.—The est preservative for home-made cider is enzoic acid, not exceeding gr. 5 to the pint.

Hair Rinses.—H. B.—Rinses are made upf aniline colour 1, tartaric acid or citric cid, 99. The colours are water-soluble, nd are obtainable in shades of light londe, golden blonde, light, medium and ark henna, medium and dark auburn, itian, jet black and blue black. The colour nd acid are mixed and sold dry. Water is dded at the time of application.

Cloth for Plaster.—A. P.—The base loth for medicinal adhesive plaster weighs ot less than 3\frac{3}{4} oz. per sq. yd., and the reight of the adhesive is not less than \frac{3}{4} oz. per sq. yd. The cotton cloth is imposed of yarns of good uniform grade, and is well bleached to a good white and lean. The average number of threads per is not less than 72 in the warp and not ses than 70 in the weft. The tensile strength the warp is not less than 45 lb. per indiction of the cloth.

Male Fern for Dogs.—N. I.—The dose f oil of male fern for tapeworm in a nedium-sized dog is about dr. ½. Larger oses, especially the first, on an empty tomach sometimes give rise to gastronteritis, and there are recorded cases of onsiderable absorption taking place. The quid extract should be freshly prepared, s it deteriorates on keeping. It is often effectual in dogs, and it may be preferable give freshly grated areca nut (gr. 2 to each weight of the dog).

Black Ink.—H. D. C.—Your stipulation hat the ingredients should be obtainable ithout difficulty in present circumstances uts out most of the well-tried formulas for black ink. If you can obtain some aniline lack you would be able to produce a easonably good preparation of one of the ollowing formulas:—

	1		
Aniline black .	no.	 	2 OZ.
Acetic acid		 	2 OZ.
Acaĉia .,		 	2 OZ.
Water .(.		 	ı gall.
	II		
Aniline black		 	I OZ.
Pyrogallic acid		 	½ oz.
Ferrous sulphate		 	2 OZ.
Water			r gall

Place the aniline black in a jar and pour n to it the acetic acid, diluted with 8 oz. vater. Separately dissolve the acacia in a sw ounces of water, add to the rest of the vater, and pour into the jar, shaking well to dissolve. Dissolve the aniline black and ferrous sulphate in most of the water, and the pyrogallic acid in the remainder. Mix.

Athlete's Foot.—T. Y.—The need for extreme caution in the treatment of this condition (see C. & D., April 8, p. 404) requires to be emphasised. Though the preparation was described by a transatlantic writer as non-corrosive, moisture must be rigidly excluded or the circumstances are at once changed. A case is on record in which a somewhat similar mixture (phenol 4; camphor I) was used in the treatment of ringworm. It was applied diluted with water and produced fatal results. Unless you can be certain that adequate medical supervision will be given, it is wiser to adopt a remedy such as Whitfield's ointment (benzoic acid, 5 per cent., salicylic acid, 3 per cent.).

Vitamins Under Pressure Cooking.— E. C.—The claim usually made for pressure cookers is that the higher cooking temperature results in a more complete breakdown of the cell structure of foods than by ordinary cooking methods, thus assisting assimilation. Little protein is lost. A large proportion of the mineral salts is retained, and the loss of carbohydrates is insignificant. It is believed that part of the content of vitamin-B complex is destroyed at boiling point, and certainly at 120° C.; while it is unlikely that this temperature is attained in pressure cooking, the margin of safety is probably narrow. Destruction of vitamin C by heat is small at boiling point but increases rapidly as the temperature rises above 100° C. In the presence of oxygen, ascorbic acid oxidase, which is almost always associated with vitamin C, is converted into dehydro-ascorbic acid, enzyme becoming increasingly active as the temperature rises from atmospheric to about 40° C., but becoming completely destroyed at about 80° C. In raw foods, dehydro-ascorbic acid is reconverted into vitamin C within the body, but cooking renders the compound inconvertible.

"C. & D." Quiz No. 26.—The answers to the questions on p. 446 are: I. Cevadilla. 2. A pigment from lichens, chiefly Rocella tinctoria.
3. Canella bark. 4. The dried latex of Achras Sapota and other plants used in manufacture of chewing gum. 5. From rubidio, darkest red, from the colour of its flame. 6. Antimonious oxychloride. 7. Cobalt zincate, CoZnO₂. 8. Derris. 9. Cæsius, the blue colour of the sky, from its flame test. 10. Extract of súprarenal cortex.

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Polypharmacy

SIR,—The "omnibus" prescriptions itemised in two recent issues of the C. & D. (March 18, p. 306, and March 25, p. 352) are an eye-opener on present-day prescribing. In fact, it would be true to say that a really well-balanced script is rare. Even in good-class pharmacy the mixtures of the B.P.C., 1934, are rarely prescribed, and it is apparently the case that the better class the practice the worse the prescribing! Here, for example, is a prescription I dispensed a few days ago for a patient of tender years:—

B Bisodol 3ii.
Pulmo Bailly 3iv.
Tr. nuc. vom. Mxxxvi.
Syr. tolut.
Aq. anethi ad 3vi.
3ss 3ds, ex aq.

Does the doctor know the constituents of the first two items? I doubt it. With this sort of thing to contend with, it is no wonder the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society wants the examination syllabus revised.—Yours faithfully,

Assistant M.P.S.

A Trade Opinion of the Metric System

SIR,—Your editorial in last week's issue. of the C. & D. (p. 419), commenting on the efforts of the Decimal Association to press for compulsory adoption of the metric system, will, no doubt, cause many readers to speculate on the proposed change. Surely the argument put forward by the Association that adoption would parallel the sponsoring of Basic English is an unfortunate one, since one of the primary objects of Basic English is to further the knowledge of the English language, and English customs and institutions throughout the world. It is doubtful whether the metric system is any more scientific than our highly practical Imperial system which, like the Mother of Parliaments, has its roots deep in the past, and has been adapted and improved through the centuries. It goes back to the English talent, a weight twothirds of the Roman-Alexandrian talent, which in turn was derived from the royal cubit and foot of ancient Egypt. It may not be out of place to recall what Herbert Spencer said of the the metric system:-

"When, fifty years after its nominal establishment in France, the metric system was made compulsory, it was not because those who had to measure out commodities over the counter wished to use it, but because the government commanded them to do so, and when it was adopted in Germany under the Bismarckian regime we may be sure that the opinions of shopkeepers were not asked."

Far from assisting British manufacturers to recover and increase the country's export trade, the change would be more likely to throw our export trade into chaos and confusion for years, bearing in mind that many industries would have to scrap their entire machinery to accommodate the new system. Your editorial comment opened with the observation that the use of the metric system has been optional in this country for forty-seven years. The fact that the system has made so little progress here in nearly half a century is the best answer to those who press for legal compulsion. Yours faithfully,

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Retail Supply Difficulties

Sir,—Some manufacturers seem to be considering their own convenience, and the retailer's not at all. One firm with which I have been a customer for years (and always paid promptly) refuses to supply me with goods because I had nothing direct during a certain period of 1939. Others have cut me down drastically, so that I have to seek alternative sources of supply. On the other hand, some suppliers have been so considerate that I have scarcely missed the goods lost from the former class, who, ultimately, will be the sufferers. I find that a "war complex" prompts the customer to buy something else if he cannot get what he first asks for. The result is that articles which the customer cannot buy are becoming forgotten. New habits are being formed and certain proprietary articles are dying out. I notice that quite one-quarter of my former proprietary items are no longer in demand; against this, the products of the considerate manufacturers are increasing in sales, and are being asked for by the public more and more. I know circumstances for the manufacturers are difficult, but dictatorial methods are not good for business. After all, the retailer's object is turnover and not to be an agent for certain nearly unprocurable "patents." Yours faithfully,

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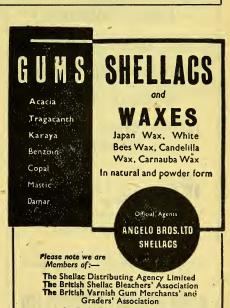
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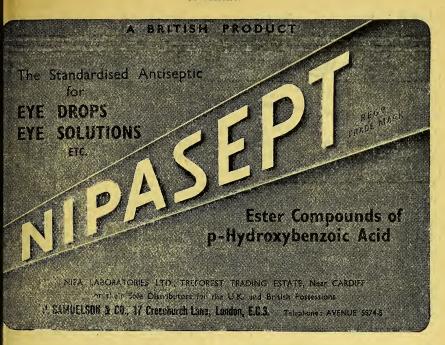
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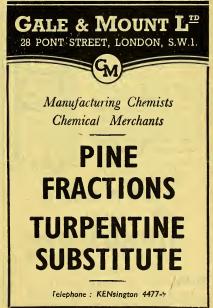


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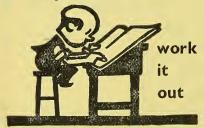
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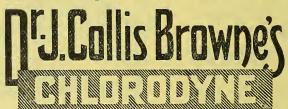
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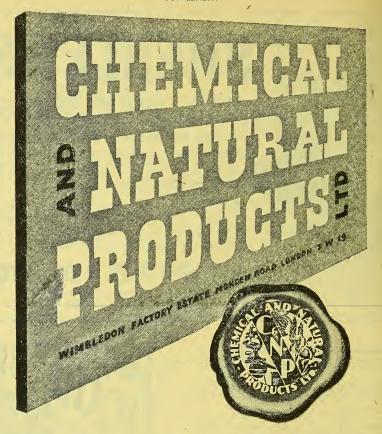
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